

but, as their manner is, tied his hands so that his liberty to preach the gospel was subject to those above him in office. Therefore he comes to us with the above record; being well known in his community we do not hesitate to recommend him to the brotherhood. He is recommended as a good revivalist. Any one wishing his services will address him, Herbert Marks, Warsaw, Ind.

I wish to thus publicly thank brother W. W. Gilliam and wife for their hospitality and their help in the meeting. To the Brethren churches of Indiana: Without your help this church would not exist as a church. It is your child. I shall care for it as your humble servant. By your support and prayers it will be able to walk by conference. Pray the Lord of the harvest. Other fields are ripening. I want to say to the Goshen and Marion brethren, I will visit you soon. Hold on to the cross.

B. H. FLORA, State Evangelist.

Oral Oaks

Dear brother:—A bright log fire was blazing on the hearth last night and all my family were sitting around, and I took up the EVANGELIST and commenced to read aloud. All seemed to enjoy the reading. When I came to the essay on "Evening Time" they gave wrapped attention. At its close a cry of "good! good! Who is it by? Well we all enjoyed Brother Baumann's thoughts on "evening time." We enjoy many of the pieces in our good paper. Brother Martin Shively always has something interesting to say. We always read his productions the second time. Brother Balsbaugh used to write often in the EVANGELIST and his silent ministry was so edifying and instructive. We hope that he will continue to contribute. There are many whose names were once familiar that now are but seldom mentioned, and who contribute but little to the columns of our paper.

Brethren, this ought not to be thus. Our worthy Editor begs that you help him make the paper a grand success. Brother S. J. Harrison let me call on you. Do you not know that you have many, very many friends, who would rejoice to read a kind, loving and brotherly communication from you. Where is Brother Bashor? He was once the man above others whose passionate eloquence could so stir the hearts of the children of men. Oh my brother, hide not your light under the bushel. Contribute regularly to our paper and thus let your light shine that others may see your good works and be constrained to glorify your Father in Heaven. Excuse me, my brethren, for picking these motes out of your eyes, for I can now see clearly inasmuch as I have cast the beam out of my own, and will hereafter do what I can to help our Editor make his paper a joy to many homes.

We are commanded to love one another. But so many of us wait until after our brother is dead to tell about how we love him. So many wait until after death to bring their beautiful flowers, to scatter upon

the bier and around the grave. Poor fellow! He is dead now, and cannot enjoy those flowers. His heart does not warm now to those bravely spoken words of commendation and praise. What a pity! He would have so loved those flowers had they been scattered in his pathway, that their sweet fragrance might have gladdened his heart. What a pity, the poor fellow died without hearing those kind words. Oh! it would have been so sweet to his soul. Indeed to him, this would have been a different world if he had only dreamed that there were so many who loved him. What a pity, the kind loving words of cheer and praise were not spoken until his eyes were closed, and his ears were closed.

And now brethren, our kind Editor has not only invited us but begs us to come and scatter our flowers along our pathway. He insists that we come and speak to one another words of love and comfort and joy. If we love one another we ought to do something to let it be known. The Bible says "Secret love is worse than open hatred." If there are any in this wide world that really love me, I hope by some means they will let me know it. I would walk a muddy road or into a dark storm to grasp the hand of one who loves me.

S. H. LOVE.

Portis, Kans.

Brother A. J. Hixson came among us on the 10th and explained his business as collecting for the college. The brethren at once got together and raised one-half of our apportionment; the balance will be sent in about the 25th.

Brother Hixson remained with us over Sunday and preached four sermons to very attentive congregations. Immediate results, two confessions; the Brethren are greatly strengthened and united; the S. S. Supt., borrowed a few ideas, and a good impression has been left upon all.

We are preparing to attack ~~satan~~ in his stronghold at Downs and earnestly entreat the Lord to give us the victory.

E. L. MASON.

Montour, Iowa

Being called by the Brethren of Broadhorn, Nov. 30, I went to hold a few meetings for them. Brother H. Shutt met me at the depot. We talked that night to a full house of attentive people and so continued the meeting twelve evenings. As to the result of the meetings the Christians were built up, encouraged to greater diligence in the work of the Lord. I was a stranger to all but two but we became better acquainted before we closed. I shall never forget the kindness shown to me by the Shatts, Hugheses, Rominies, Reithers, Van Rocens, Shegleys, and a host of others both old and young, and we shall hold in grateful remembrance those who helped in the work in talk, prayer and songs and we shall never forget the words of encouragement that we received when we closed the last meeting, with the request to

come back. We believe the seed sown there fell in some good ground and the Lord will reap a glorious harvest in the near future. I arrived home on the 14th and found several things of importance had happened since I left. One of my nearest neighbors had departed this life, and Sister Strong of the Brooklyn congregation died and they had telegraphed for me. I expect to go to Brooklyn Saturday next. I found the folks well for which we thank the Lord.

FETTER HALL.

Homer, Ohio

The spiritual atmosphere here is healthful. The collection at a missionary service amounted to \$5 50. The Aid Society are workers; they sent \$5 00 to Chicago. The mid-week prayer service is evergreen and fruitful. The King's Children are lively and meet alternate Sundays. One more added. Large congregations and deep interest in the Word. The church is wide awake. Revival meeting in the future.

H. S. JACOBS.

Brighton, Ind

Our fall communion was held Nov. 28th. It was a time of pleasure and also of profit to the ones participating.

Our attendance was not as large as we desired, but yet we feel encouraged. We expected some of our brethren from a distance to be with us, but they failed to come. I believe much good comes not only to persons thus visiting but also to the congregation. A series of meetings of three weeks duration began Nov. 21st. Our congregations week-day nights were small but on Sundays better than they have been since I began work here.

The Township S. S. convention was held in the Brighton Chapel, Dec. 11. A good program was rendered; the attendance was good considering all things. Such conventions are surely of interest and benefit to the worker. May the work for Christ go on unabated.

WM. H. MILLER.

Roanoke, Ind.

Dear Evangelist:—We are in usual health and busy in the Master's Vineyard. We closed our pastorate with the Auburn church the last Sabbath in November. During the last five years almost, we have had the oversight of that society. We began work there when there was no organization, but God smiled upon us and blest the work, and there were some sixty confessed Christ. Some of them however came from other churches. The majority were baptized who entered. A few were not as alive to the Lord as they should have been, but we are happy to say most of them still claim allegiance to God. We wish them God's speed and our benediction rests upon him whoever succeeds us.

We are in a revival meeting here at Roanoke. Up to date five have confessed Christ, all heads of families. Some five score have confessed Christ since we organized this